



Senate

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File No. 262

Senate Bill No. 382

Senate, March 31, 2008

The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through SEN. FONFARA, J. of the 1st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING TELEPHONE AND CABLE INSTALLATION FEES FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) No telephone or community
2 antenna television company, as defined in section 16-1 of the 2008
3 supplement to the general statutes, shall charge an installation fee to a
4 resident of a residential care home, nursing home or rest home, as
5 defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, when such resident
6 moves from one room in said home to another.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 09 \$	FY 10 \$
Various State Agencies	All Funds - Cost	See Below	See Below

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 09 \$	FY 10 \$
All Municipalities	STATE MANDATE - Cost	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

Explanation

This bill prohibits a telephone or cable television company from charging an installation fee to a resident of a nursing home when the resident changes rooms within the facility. The costs of the change will be borne by all other telephone and cable users. As the state and municipalities are telephone and cable users, they will incur some of this cost. Any cost would be minimal.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 382*****AN ACT CONCERNING TELEPHONE AND CABLE INSTALLATION
FEES FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill prohibits a telephone or cable television company from charging an installation fee to a resident of a residential care home, nursing home, or rest home when the resident changes rooms within the facility. (The bill does not apply to "certified competitive video service providers" such as AT&T.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Aging

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 11 Nay 0 (03/04/2008)

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 21 Nay 0 (03/11/2008)